

## **Prevent Package Theft this Holiday Season!!**

Every year at this time, packages are stolen from front steps by thieves targeting deliveries from services such as UPS and FedEx. It has become a widespread problem nationally; simply search the term 'package theft' on the internet, and you will see dozens of videos and news stories of thieves in action.

Residents are advised to take the following steps to reduce the risk of package thefts this holiday season:

1. When selecting shipping options, choose one that requires you to sign for delivery. In most cases, if you are not at home when a delivery is attempted, you can either pick up your packages in person or schedule a delivery for a time when you are able to receive it.
2. If you are away from your home during the day, have your packages delivered to your office (or some other occupied location) rather than to your home.
3. If sending packages to your office is impractical, consider having them held at the local delivery company's facility and pick it up there. Somewhat less convenient than front-door delivery, but this method is virtually theft-proof.
4. If you choose to have packages delivered to your home, track them. Tracking will enable you to either be at home when they arrive, or to call a trusted neighbor to have them take the package inside for you.

The Chevy Chase Village Police Department wishes you a safe, joyful holiday season!